

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims to read as follows (a copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions appears at the end for the Examiner's convenience):

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37. The ventilation duct component of claim 35, wherein the sealing gasket is axially fastened to the tubular element by arranging the sealing gasket in a circumferential groove.

Please add the following new claim 43:

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43. The ventilation duct component of claim 36, wherein the sealing gasket is axially fastened to the tubular element by arranging the sealing gasket in a circumferential groove.